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SUBJ: DELEGATES ONCE AGAIN CRITICIZE U.S. EXCEPTION
REQUEST PERFORMANCE

1. AT THE END OF THE MARCH 14 COCOM MEETING (DURING WHICH THE USDEL HAD BEEN ABLE TO STATE FINAL U.S. POSITIONS ON ONLY 2 OUT OF 20 EXCEPTION REQUESTS) THE UKDEL CALLED ATTENTION TO THE DISMAL U.S. PERFORMANCE DURING THAT MEETING AS WELL AS AT THE ONE THE PREVIOUS WEEK. RECALLING THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE U.S. HANDLING OF EXCEPTION REQUESTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED LAST AUTUMN AND WHICH HAD BEEN DESCRIBED BY ONE DELEGATE AS A WARM SPRING BREEZE, HE ASKED WHERE IS WARM BREEZE NOW. HE REMINDED THE COMMITTEE OF THE PLEDGE MADE BY THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE DECEMBER CRITERIA DISCUSSIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE USG WOULD CONTINUE IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE. HE REGRETTED THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT LIVED UP TO THIS PLEDGE. THE GERMAN DEL ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE BRITISH REMARKS AND RECALLED THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE EXPORTS CONTROLS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING IN MARCH 1977 HAD ALSO STATED THAT
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THE USG WAS UNDERTAKING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE IN COCOM.

2. ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS, THE JAPANESE DELEGATE STATED "OFF THE RECORD" THAT BECAUSE OF THE U.S. SLOWNESS IN CONSIDERING EXCEPTION REQUESTS, HE HAS NEVER BEEN IN SUCH AN

EMBARRASSING AND DIFFICULT POSITION IN ALL OF HIS
FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER. HE SAID HE IS ALWAYS IN THE
MIDDLE BETWEEN THE PRESSURES FOR ACTION FROM TOKYO AND
THE LACK OF RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON.
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